mistake. It may be that in the midst of his multi-farious duties he might have forgotten the exact figure. Anyway let the House know that the purchase money was only Rs. 6,000. When he said that it was Rs. 4,500 and that it was he who sold the boat for that amount, naturally I was flabbergasted and I was not then in a position to dispute that figure. Therefore I communicated with the bank and the figure originally mentioned has been found to be the correct one.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

AGRICULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN MANURING

226. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state with reference to answers to question No. 244 on 5th Makaram 1115,

(*a*) whether any statement showing the results of demonstrations carried out by the agricultural department has been prepared;

(*b*) if so, will Government be pleased to supply a copy of the statement to the members of this House and to the Panchayats and Co-operative Societies who have opened Manure Depots?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of the statement is placed on the *Council Table.*

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* My question is whether the Government will be pleased to supply a copy each to the members of this House and to the Panchayats and Co-operative Societies which have opened manure depots so that the information may be easily available to the public. By placing it on the Council Table, no purpose is served. Government can do that.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. But from the information that I have gathered from this file it is stated that all this information is given in the Administration Report and by a reference to the Administration Report all that could be understood by a layman can be understood. But it is clearly stated that some of these portions will not be understood by a layman unless he has got some scientific training. All this information is embodied in the Administration Report. That was the reason why separate copies were not distributed.

Mr. P. K.Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* I do not dispute that. The information may be available in the Administration Report. But the Administration Report is not available to the public.

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Manure Depots are opened in the various parts of the State with the intention that these depots should become popular with a view to popularise the use of scientific manure among the public. If they should use this manure they must know the benefits thereof. For that some such statistics should be made available to them. It would not be a costly thing also to supply them a copy each.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I shall consult the Department and see if effect could be given to the suggestion made by the hon'ble member.

Mr. President : Mr. Salem's question may be asked by Mr. Kochukunhan Kaimal.

WATER SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS—AMOUNT SPENT ON TANKS OR WELLS

227. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is adequate water supply for drinking purposes in all the rural areas of the State now;

(*b*) the total number of wells or tanks that have been newly dug, and the total amount of money spent for the purpose (*i*) by Government, (*ii*) by the Panchayats since the Rural Development Ministry was established in the State;

(*c*) the names of the villages in the State that need an adequate supply of drinking water?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) There is adequate water supply in most parts of the State except some parts of Chittur Taluk and some parts of the littoral tracts in Cochin-Kanayannur and Cranganur Taluks.

(*b*)

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		Rs.	A.	P.
(*i*) Public Health Department	1 well	201	0	0
(*ii*) Panchayat Department	28 wells	6,444	11	2
	2 tanks	3,891	4	4
	Total	10,536	15	6

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(*i*) Public Health Department	5 wells	864	1	4
(*ii*) Panchayat Department	32 wells	6,890	8	1
	Total	7,754	9	5

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